

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 436

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Timothy F. Goldsmith
of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Dr. Timothy F. Goldsmith; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy Goldsmith was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for children and families in
Tennessee and beyond in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis on August 29, 1956, Dr. Goldsmith was the son of Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Goldsmith; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wooddale High School, Dr. Timothy Goldsmith received his
undergraduate degree in sociology from Lambuth College and his master's and doctorate
degrees in marriage and family from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to serving his community, Dr. Goldsmith was appointed by
the governor to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, was a member of the
national advisory council of the Children in Managed Care Initiative for the Center for Healthcare
Strategies, and had served on the advisory board for Multisystemic Therapy Services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy Goldsmith was a champion for at-risk children and families in
his community and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, he impacted the lives of nearly 200,000 children with emotional and
behavioral problems in his thirty-one years as chief clinical officer at Youth Villages by
developing and implementing evidence-based treatment models and interventions and
supporting outcome evaluation; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic volunteer for Memphis-area nonprofit organizations, he had been published in many professional settings, including the Children's Mental Health and Research Policy conference, Blueprints Conference, Florida Child Welfare conference, and the Alliance for Children and Families conference; and

WHEREAS, an active and devoted leader at Youth Villages, Dr. Goldsmith consistently guided the organization to the most innovative and effective ways to help children with the most urgent needs, always driven by the evidence, research, and doing what worked; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy Goldsmith enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-three years, Kristie Sears Goldsmith, and was the proud father of Morgan Goldsmith Melancon and Drew Goldsmith and the doting grandfather of Kaylie Melancon; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his siblings, Jeff Goldsmith and Gigi Goldsmith Franklin; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gwen Sears; his brothers-in-law, David Sears and Robert Sears; his sister-in-law, Cathy Sears; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and close friends whom he loved deeply; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy Goldsmith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Timothy F. Goldsmith, reflecting fondly upon

his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and extend our condolences to Dr. Goldsmith's family, colleagues, and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.